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SUBJ: LAR TROOP MOVEMENTS IN TRIPOLI AREA

1. INDEPENDENT SOURCES AUG. 16 AND 17 REPORT OBSERVING LARGE MILITARY MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS, APCS AND TANKS HEADING TOWARDS TRIPOLI FROM WEST. DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE AUG. 16, INDICATED HE PASSED DOZENS OF APCS BETWEEN KM 13 AND TRIPOLI WITH FULL COMPLEMENT OF TROOPS. LOCAL EMPLOYEE OF EMBASSY REPORTED COUNTING 150 TANKS LEAVING AKBAR BEN NAFAA (WHEELUS) AIR BASE MORNING OF AUG. 17, IN DIRECTION OF TRIPOLI.

2. COMMENT: FOUR POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS EXIST FOR THIS MOVEMENT: 1. TROOPS MAY BE SHOW OF FORCE TO INTIMIDATE POTENTIAL OPPONENTS OF QADHAFI IN HIS ABSENCE, 2. TROOPS DESTINATION MAY BE LIBYAN - EGYPTIAN BORDER, 3. TROOPS ARE PRACTICING FOR MILITARY
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ATTEMPT UNDERWAY. ONE OF FIRST THREE POSSIBILITIES
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